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Comments on S.100 - Sec. 3 - Fragmentation of Forestland

An important concept to remember when considering a definition of forest fragmentation is that forest management does not fragment the forest, whether it is harvesting (including large and small openings which provide habitat for some very important critters) or forest management road construction and the many forest and recreation related uses of those roads. With that in mind, I have concerns with many aspects of the definition of forest fragmentation and of the individual terms within the definition and how they may impact forest management activities: the definition of roads, the definition of human made alterations, the definition of clearing, and does the definition of other physical structures include piled wood or bridges?

Thank you for your consideration,

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